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## UNDER BRIGHTER SKIES

The Afro-American Council concludes its Labors and Adopts Strong and Practical Resolutions—Auspicious Outlook.

The second day's session of the executive committee of the National Afro-American Council to which reference is made elsewhere in this issue, was taken up in hearing the reports of the various committees. The work of the Council for the coming year was carefully mapped out.

A largely attended public meeting was held Friday night at the Vermont Avenue Baptist church. Bishop Alexander Walters presided and described the grand results achieved by the conference and declared that the Council was here to stay. Euthusiastic speeches were delivered by former Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, Attorney Edward Everett Brown, of Boston; T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, and Attorney F. L. McGhee, of Minnesota. On the platform besides these were Congressman White, Bishop Harris, J. E. Bruce, Prof. Lawson and others.

The report of the committee on resolutions was handed in and read by the secretary. It was in the form of some what sweeping resolutions which commenced by congratulating the Council on the increase of interest manifested in its workings, point to the benefits to be derived, and express the hope that at the Indianapolis meeting it will be found that the whole race has been imbued with the value of such an organization.

The President is praised for having appointed commissioned officers from the Afro-Americans in two regiments and an agent at the Paris Exposition; for the exhibit from the race at the Exposition it is hoped that Congress will promptly vote 15,009 asked for. Legislation against ob law is urged on Congress.

Commending the Clumpacker bill to reduce southern Congressional seats to tally with votes cast and the action of the republican National Committee in refusing to reduce representation at conventions, the resolutions go on to say that it is not loyal Afro-Americans who are to be legislated against, but disloyal white people, and indorse the measures to investigate and test the disfranchisement of the race in the South.

The resolutions set forth that while the race comprises one-third of the



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population of the District of Columbia, it has no control of the affairs of the District; that the colored people are discriminated against in the police court and in cases where civil rights are at issue, and receive neither justice nor courtesy. The President is asked to interfere.

Complaint is made that the Afro-Americans have practically no representation in the census work. The adoption of a separate sleeping car law in Georgia is condemned, and the whole penal system of the South is made a subject of protest. Concluding, the resolutions invoke divine favor on the work of the council to secure justice and fair play. The resolutions are signed by T. Thomas Fortune, chairman; P. B. S. Pinchback, George H. White, Bishop C. R. Harris, Chris J. Perry, Edward Everett Brown and John E. Bruce.

During the Thursday recess the visiting delegates were entertained by an elaborate dinner spread at Joiner's Cafe by the members of the local council,

and Saturday evening a public reception was tendered to all strangers here for the holidays at Odd Fellows' Hall. Saturday afternoon a select party enjoyed a luncheon at Gray and Costleys.

The Council's meeting was highly encouraging and the year starts off under the most auspicious circumstances.

### King Carnival's Sway.

On Friday of last week quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen gathered at the residence of Miss Emma Brown, 2722 N street n w., to spend an evening of pleasure. Music and mirth held full sway and King Carnival was at his best. Refreshments were served from a bounteous table and the guests wended their homeward way much elated. The followed were present: Misses Emma Brown, Marie Jordan, Minnie Crutchfield, Cora Greene, Claude Butler, Hewlett, Botts, Daisy Alexander, Harris and Irene Alexander Messrs. Macajah Early, Berry, Beason, Weaver, Banman, Wilkerson, Crusoe, Crutchfield, West, Dodson and Brown.

## DEVOTEES OF DR. CRUMMELL

How Sweet Converse in an Albany Home—Studying the Negro in Letter Science and Art.

Albany, N. Y., Special—The first reception of the Alexander Crummell Historical Club was held at the residence of Mr. Aaron Oliver, 336 Hamilton street, on December 26. A splendid musical and literary program was among the features of the evening. The first selection was a piano solo by Miss Anna Moore, followed by the address of welcome by the critic of the club, J. E. Bruce. A solo by Mrs. L. J. Mann and Miss Anna Moore; reading by Miss Eva Williams, "The Negro In It." A paper on the life of T. Thomas Fortune by Mrs. Annie Pickett; solo by Mrs. L. J. Mann; a short talk by Mr. J. R. Frisby and a gramophone recital by Mr. L. J. Mann. The object of the club is to study Negro history and make itself acquainted with the achievements of the Negro in letters, art, science, medicine and all industries that dignify labor, whether it be of head or of the hand. After the exercises, cards and pleasant converse was the order of the evening. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. L. J. Mann and her committee of ladies, Mrs. Annie Pickett and Miss Anna Moore in making the reception a social success. Miss Eva Williams, one of Albany's most refined intelligent and accomplished young ladies, added much to the evenings enjoyment by her affable and engaging manners to every one. At midnight a bountiful repast was served in the dining room. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the Director of the club, Mr. Henry A. Spencer who was called to Rochester. The club expresses thanks to Mr. Aaron Oliver who kindly offered the hospitalities of his cozy home to the club and its friends. Mr. Oliver is one of Albany's progressive young men. Noticeable among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyt, Mrs. Mary Tracy, Mrs. Laura Jackson Lodge, Mr. William H. Brent, Mrs. N. Mingo, Mr. Fred. Turner and Mr. Albert Jackson, the latter from Watkins, N. Y. Mrs. J. E. Bruce.

Mr. R. W. Thompson, of Indiana who for several years has been identified with the editorial staff of The Colored American, and for the past year connected clerically with the Recorder's office, began the new year with an appointment in the Census Bureau. He was detailed to the division of manufactures, an annex to the Geological Survey, for which elegant quarters have been established in the big building formerly occupied by the Post Office Department.